

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held June 29, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to send a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger and the State Legislature urging them to not repeal the Hayden Bill, which was established in 1998 to provide greater protection to the animals served by shelters operated by local governments.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following revised statement:

"The June 25, 2004 edition of the Los Angeles Times had an article in regards to the possible repeal of the Hayden Bill. Due to the overwhelming concern expressed by animal activists and local governments, Governor Schwarzenegger has stated that he will not repeal the Hayden Bill.

"The major component of the Hayden Bill requires shelters to hold all animals for four to six days before resorting to euthanasia. The Hayden Bill also has important protections for animals including the requirement of proper veterinarian care, the use of microchip scanners to help reunite lost pets with their owners, and the prohibition of individuals convicted of animal cruelty from owning a pet for three years. These safeguards are all important to animal welfare. Governor Schwarzenegger should be commended for his positive response to the residents of California and for his concern for animal welfare."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board requested the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a five-signature letter to the Governor thanking him for his positive response to residents of California and for his concern for animal welfare.

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Letter sent to:
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger